Public Health Program

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Public Health program serves students interested in pursuing careers in public health. The program prepares students to plan, implement, and evaluate health and human service programs and work in the field of public health. Graduates of the program are employed by public and private health and human service agencies (city, county, state, and national), hospitals, schools, corporations, nonprofit and professional consulting organizations. Upon completion of the undergraduate program, eligible students are encouraged to apply for admission to the Master of Public Health Program.

OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Nationally and internationally, Public Health is one of the fastest growing, most dynamic, and necessary professions. It offers energetic, creative, and enterprising individuals a host of entry-level career options. Career opportunities continue to grow in such community health settings as city, county, state, and national public health departments and agencies, hospitals, schools, mental health facilities, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, and corporate and industrial organizations. Students graduating from the Bachelor of Science Program specializing in Public Health are in an excellent position to be competitive in this burgeoning career market place.

ADMISSION AND ADVISEMENT

Students may enter the major in either the fall or spring semester, and must meet university admission and general education requirements.
Individuals interested in the BSPH program are encouraged to contact the Health Sciences Department office at (818) 677-4081 or via email at hsci@csun.edu to be directed to their faculty advisor.

PROGRAM MISSION

The Mission of the CSUN Public Health Program is to prepare professionals to:

- Identify and assess needs and assets of diverse communities
- Plan, implement, and evaluate programs
- Apply analytic and research methodologies to public health practice
- Serve as leaders and advocates in their community and profession
- Provide solutions for current and future public health challenges
- Collaborate across interdisciplinary and community sectors

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

The following curriculum prepares students for the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health (BSPH)

Lower Division Requirements (20 units)

BIOL 101/101L	General Biology and Lab
BIOL	211/12, 213, 218/L, 281, 285, 341, 366, or 375
CHEM 100 or 103	Principles of Chemistry/Intro to Chemistry I
MATH	102/L, 103/L, 104/L, 140, 141/L
PSY 150	Introduction to Psychology
SOC 150	Introductory Sociology

Upper Division Department Core (7 units)

HSCI 390/390L	Biostatistics and Lab
HSCI 488	Epidemiology

Upper Division Requirements (36 units)

ENGL 306	Report Writing
HSCI 314	Organization and Delivery of Health Services
HSCI 331	Public Health Education
HSCI 345	Public Health Issues
EOH 353	Global Perspectives of Environmental Health
HSCI 391	Computer Application in Health Sciences
HSCI 431	Health Behavior
HSCI 437	Strategies for Making Health Decisions
HSCI 439	Community Health Action
HSCI 441	Community Health Education*
HSCI 445	Senior Seminar in Public Health Education*
HSCI 494/494I	Internship in Public Health Education*
	*Note: C- or better grade in HSCI 441 required

Electives (12 units, of which 6 units can be outside of HSCI)

HSCI 231	Women and Health
HSCI 335	Holistic Health
HSCI 336	Health Aspects of Drug Use
HSCI 337	Nutrition and Health
HSCI 369	Public Health Strategies in HIV and STI Prevention
HSCI 433	Counseling of Health Problems
HSCI 434	Lactation Education
HSCI 435	Health Science for Children and Youth
HSCI 436	Health Concerns of Adolescents
HSCI 438	International Health
HSCI 440	Family Health
HSCI 442	Health, Culture, and Diversity
HSCI 446	Lactation Education: Postpartum Period

The following courses must be taken in sequence over 2 years or four (4) consecutive semesters

HSCI 331

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HSCI 431

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HSCI 441 & HSCI 494IPH

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HSCI 445 & HSCI 494PH